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ATTN: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0286

RE: EPA's Proposed Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Amendments to the National Minimum Criteria (Phase One); Proposed Rule; 83 Fed. Reg. 11,584 (March 15, 2018)

Dear Ms. Mary Jackson:

The Southern Company appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) March 15, 2018 Federal Register notice seeking public input regarding the Agency's proposed rulemaking to amend the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule, noticed at 83 Fed. Reg. 11,584 on March 15, 2018. These comments are submitted on behalf of Southern Company and its traditional operating companies (Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power and Mississippi Power). Southern Company is a member of the Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and endorses comments submitted by USWAG and EPRI.

Southern Company recognizes and appreciates EPA's efforts to amend the CCR rule in a way that preserves its foundational protections and envisions implementation of state CCR permit programs as contemplated in the WIIN Act. We encourage the Agency to take its next steps quickly, but carefully, to minimize regulatory uncertainty in the near term.

Southern Company thanks you for the opportunity to submit these comments and appreciates EPA's consideration of them. If you have any questions regarding these comments please contact John Pugh at 205.257.6781 or jdpugh@southernco.com at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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